

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

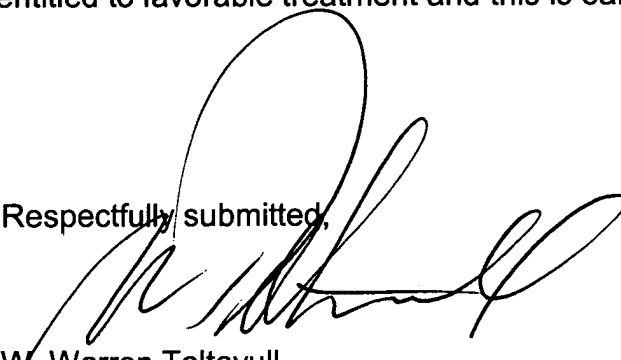
The present invention involves a seal having an edge held in close proximity to a relatively rotating surface and reinforced by creases wherein the creases have a predetermined angle and extend away from the edge. The angle of the creases determines the curvature of the ring formed. Currently amended claim 1 has now been amended to emphasize the predetermined angle feature.

None of the cited prior art disclose having creases with a specific predetermined angle. Additionally, none of the creases in the prior art are formed in order to create the desired curvature necessary to extend around the rotating component and create a desired gap between the sealing edge and the rotating component (See page 4 line 31 to Page 5 line 5; and See Page 11 line 30 to Page 12 line 20).

Since none of the prior art disclose having creases with predetermined angles as discussed above, the present invention is believed novel and inventive over the prior art.

Having addressed all the points raised in the Office action, it is believed that the application is now entitled to favorable treatment and this is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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